(e) As informed by Ministry of Environment and Forests, the proposals for environment clearance in respect of Kotlibhel Hydroelectric Project (HEP) Stage-IB (360 MW), Kotlibhel HEP, Stage-II (530 MW) in Uttarakhand, Vishnugad-Pipalkoti HEP (444 MW) in Uttarakhand, Rammam HEP in West Bengal, Singoli-Batwari HEP in Uttarakhand have already been considered by the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) and it has recommended environment clearance to these projects on 18.7.2007. The proposal of environment clearance for Vyasi HEP (120 MW) in Uttarakhand was also considered by the EAC in its meeting on 18.7.2007. The EAC has sought clarifications from the State Government on Dam break analysis, Catchment Area Treatment Plan, drinking water etc.

Statement

Hydro electric projects submitted by different agencies to MoEF for environmental clearance during the last five years and are awaiting environmental clearance

Sl. No.	Name of Project with Installed Capacity (MW)	State	Date of Reference to MoEF
1.	Matnar 3x20=60 MW	Chhattisgarh	NA
2.	Gundia 2x200=400 MW	Karnataka	31.01.2007
3.	Tipaimukh 6x250=1500 MW	Manipur	24.11.2006
4.	Kotlibhel St-1B 4x80=360 MW	Uttarakhand	15.02.2007
5.	Vishnugad Pipalkoti 4x111=444 MW	Uttarakhand	02.04.2007
6.	Kotlibhel St-II 8x66.25=530 MW	Uttarakhand	14.05.2007
7.	Dibang 12x250=3000 MW	Ar. Pradesh	13.02.2007
8.	Talong 2x80=160 MW	Ar. Pradesh	09.02.2007
9.	Vyasi 3x40=120 MW	Uttarakhand	26.06.2007
10.	Rammam HEP	West Bengal	14.06.2007
11.	Singoli-Batwari HEP	Uttarakhand	29.06.2007

Hike in power tariffs in Delhi

251. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:
MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the power tariff in the capital would be hiked shortly;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether in view of the above hike Government would ensure that power supply would be uninterrupted; and

(d) whether, at present, there is no power supply for hours together in certain areas in the capital?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) As per the provisions of Electricity Act, 2003, determination of tariff to be charged by the distribution licensees is the statutory function of the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs). The Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) has informed that its Multi Year Tariff (MYT) Regulations for the period 2007 to 2011 have already been notified by the Government of NCT of Delhi on 30th May, 2007. For deciding the tariff orders for 2007-08, the DERC has given in the Licensees 90 days time to file their Petitions under the MYT regime. Meanwhile, BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd. (BRPL) and BSES Yamuna Power Ltd. (BYPL) have filed Petitions before DERC for a hike in tariffs on the ground that the Tariff Orders under the MYT regime for 2007-08 may be issued as late as November, 2007 and they are facing high power purchase cost. Till such time the DERC takes a view on the Petitions for interim hike or on the Petitions yet to be filed by the Distribution Companies under the MYT regime, the exsisting tariff structure in the NCT of Delhi shall continue.

(c) and (d) Section 86(1)(i) of the Electricity Act, 2003 provides that the State Commission shall specify or enforce standards with respect to quality, continuity and reliability of service by licensees. The DERC has informed that the Government of NCT of Delhi has already constituted a 'Delhi Power Procurement Group' for buying power for Delhi; the Group has entered into Power Purchase Agreements even at the high rates ranging from Rs. 5 to Rs. 7 per unit so as to ensure uninterrupted power supply to the citizens of Delhi. Furthermore, in case of short supply, load shedding takes place first in those areas where Aggregate Technical and Commercial Losses (AT&C) are high.

Rural electrification in Maharashtra

252. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra Government had requested for sanctioning electrification of remaining 17 districts of that State under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana;

(b) if so, by when, and the total estimate of these proposals;

(c) the reasons for delay in sanctioning these proposals; and

(d) the present position of these proposals and by when these would be endorsed so that the State can achieve the target of total rural electrification before December, 2008?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (d) In Phase-I of Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) 235 projects were taken up for implementation out of which 4 were of Maharashtra Sanctioning/execution of balance 30 projects of Maharashtra at an estimated cost of Rs. 439.93 crore is dependent on approval of the Government for continuation of RGGVY in the Eleventh Plan period.